

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 SAN JO 02790 171609Z

ACTION OES-07

INFO OCT-01 ARA-10 EA-07 ISO-00 L-03 IO-13 CIAE-00

INR-07 NSAE-00 COME-00 CEQ-01 INT-05 SMI-01

DODE-00 OIC-02 /057 W

-----180238Z 115824 /72

R 171500Z JUN 77

FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7800

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SAN JOSE 2790

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SENV, IWC, CS

SUBJECT: MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

REF: (A) STATE 110999, (B) STATE 128941, (C) STATE 127607,

(D) STATE A-2160

1. INFORMAL SOUNDINGS OF COSTA RICAN FISHERIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICIALS HAVE UNCOVERED GREAT ENTHUSIASM FOR CONSERVATION OF WHALES AND OTHER CETACEANS. AS REFTEL A CORRECTLY POINTS OUT, COSTA RICA HAS A WORLD-WIDE REPUTATION IN CONSERVATION CIRCLES.

2. HOWEVER, SAME CONTACTS ALSO REVEALED SPARSE KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION (IWC) AND OF THE MEETING PLANNED IN CANBERRA JUNE 20-24. EMBOFF BRIEFLY EXPLAINED THE WORK OF THE IWC AND THEN ASKED IF THE IWC WERE AN ORGANIZATION THAT COSTA RICA WOULD JOIN IF INVITED. THE ANSWER: YES, BUT WE CANNOT AFFORD THE \$4,000 CONTRIBUTION.

3. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE AMOUNT IS SMALL, LACK OF FUNDS FOR THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY IS A REAL CONSTRAINT

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 SAN JO 02790 171609Z

IN COSTA RICA. THIS IS ESPECIALLY TRUE THIS YEAR AS THE GOVERNMENT IS FACING A SERIOUS DEFICIT THAT MAY LEAVE SOME ESSENTIAL DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES UNFINANCED. NONETHELESS, EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE COSTA RICANS WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE IWC AND ON THE CANBERRA MEETING DRAWING ON REFS C AND D. PERHAPS A FORMAL INVITATION TO JOIN THE IWC WOULD UNLOCK A COFFER

SOMEWHERE AND COSTA RICA WOULD HAVE THE WHEREWITHAL  
TO JOIN UP.  
KILDAY

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** MEMBERSHIP, WHALING, CONSERVATION, POLICIES, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 17-Jun-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977SANJO02790  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770218-0070  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** SAN JOSE  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770645/aaaabngw.tel  
**Line Count:** 65  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 73fbfb7a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION OES  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 77 STATE 110999, 77 STATE 128941, 77 STATE 127607, 77 STATE A-2160  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 17-Nov-2004 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2111801  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** MEMBERSHIP IN INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION  
**TAGS:** SENV, CS, IWC-1  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/73fbfb7a-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009